

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN
IN COUNTY LAGGING

Work Must Be Speeded Up
to Get 6,000 Members,
Says E. S. Stephens.

INTEREST IS GOOD

Difficulty Found in Reach-
ing Farmers—Negroes to
Be Canvassed.

The Red Cross drive for members must be speeded up if this district is to reach its minimum quota of 6,000, E. S. Stephens, chairman of the campaign for this district, said today. Exact reports are not yet obtainable, but the chief difficulty seems to lie in reaching the farmers. Mr. Stephens said that it is worth noting that the farmers, where reached, respond well. In one church Sunday, 45 members were gained out of an audience of 50. Some joined for others not present. The schools and churches are the best and nearly the only places where the farmer can be reached. There has been some confusion on account of the number of campaigns for money. Mr. Stephens said that when it was made clear that the Red Cross is second only to the Army and the Navy, people are eager to join.

Committee Is Named.
S. F. Conley will head the drive to-morrow among the business men. Mrs. Turner McBaine is chairman of the women who will canvass the residence district Friday.

The committee which is to work with Mr. Conley is as follows: T. T. Simmons, George S. Starrett, W. H. Sapp, J. R. Somerville, H. M. McPheters, N. D. Evans, Sam Stevinson, Percy Klass, J. W. Vesser, J. W. Schwabe, W. S. St. Clair, Frank Rollins, J. E. Wright, L. T. Searcy, M. R. Conley, Lakenan Price, F. G. Harris, W. G. Stephenson, Russell Holloway, Berry McAlester, Will Bowling, Prewitt Anderson, O. G. Maggard, Luther Slate, J. C. Denham, Roy T. Davis, F. W. Niedermeyer, J. M. Batteredon, James M. Elchberger, Clay Schwabe, Dr. Woodson Moss, Dr. J. B. Cole and John Holloway.

Negroes Will Be Canvassed.
The work among the negroes during the food conservation and Y. M. C. A. War Fund campaigns was discussed last night at a meeting of the committee of negro men who are to take charge of the Red Cross campaign for membership among the negroes. The committee will meet again soon to perfect plans for the campaign.

Every member of the committee bought a membership in the Red Cross, and a number of their wives also. The members of the committee are: Chairman, J. B. Coleman, J. E. Jones, Henry Kirklin, J. P. Washington, the Rev. G. M. Tillman, the Rev. E. R. Redd, the Rev. D. J. Mitchell, and J. H. Renfro, secretary.

Get 25 Members to Red Cross.
Misses Isla Lynch and Cecelia Haskin, students in the School of Engineering, spent a portion of Monday—Volunteer Monday—working among the engineering students and report the obtaining of twenty-five members to the Red Cross.

WHEAT FORECAST VERY LOW

Largest Winter Acreage Ever Sown,
Only 79.3 Per Cent Normal.

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Winter wheat this year, planted on the largest acreage ever sown in the country, showed on December 1 the lowest condition on record. The forecast of only 540,000,000 bushels was made today by the Department of Agriculture. The final production, however, will be above or below this figure, according as conditions hereafter are better or worse than the average.

Winter wheat sown this fall for next year's harvest aggregates 42,170,000 acres and its condition on December 1 was 79.3 per cent of the normal, the Department of Agriculture today announced. The acreage is 4 per cent more than the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1916.

The area sown in rye is 6,119,000 acres, which is 36.6 more than sown a year ago, and the condition of the crop on December 1 was 84.1 per cent of the normal.

Plan Stayovers' Christmas.
Students remaining in Columbia during the Christmas vacation are asked by Dean Kirkenslager, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. to call and register, or telephone their names, in order that entertainment for the holiday "stayovers" may be arranged. Last year a 4-act play was given in the Virginia Grill, where the annual dinner was held. A number of socials and programs are being planned for the ten days when the other students will be at their homes.

Tennis Court Now Skating Ring.
Members of the Columbia fire department have been using the tennis court behind the City Hall as a skating pond recently. The croquet wickets were pulled up and the area flooded, making an ideal surface for skating. This will be drained whenever warm weather comes, and the croquet game resumed.

THE CALENDAR

Dec. 18—Five more shopping days before Christmas.
Dec. 19—It's not too late to join the Red Cross.
Dec. 21—Address by Dr. Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford University at 10 a. m. in University Auditorium.
Dec. 21—Friday, 4 p. m.—Christmas holidays begin.
Jan. 3—Thursday, 8 a. m.—Christmas holidays end.
Jan. 14-15—Farmer's Week.

TO TRAIN SPEAKERS ON WAR

University to Offer Special Course After Christmas Holidays.
The group of history and political science will offer after the Christmas holidays a voluntary course to train mature students for public speaking in the state on the real issues of the war. Throughout the country the teachers in the social sciences are recognizing that, as the causes of the war and the problems of the peace settlement are so largely political, social and economic, the teachers of these subjects have a special obligation and opportunity to instruct public opinion.

In Missouri there has been a widespread response from the faculties of the University, colleges and normal schools to the call of the Missouri Council for Defense for speakers. The members of the group at the University now propose to train mature students with a reasonably wide training in the social sciences, to aid in meeting this need of an intelligent discussion of why we are at war.

The work will be entirely voluntary without any direct University credit. In selecting candidates the preference will be given to students with adequate training in the social science or of proven ability as speakers. All students interested in this project are requested to communicate with Dr. Jonas Viles before the holidays.

MAY COMPLETE THEIR COURSES

Technical Students Placed in Reserve Corps for Present.

That technical students of draft age may complete their courses and receive their degrees, Major General Black, chief of engineers of the Army, has announced that a plan had been agreed upon between the provost-marshal general and himself whereby students may join the enlisted reserve corps of the Army until they are graduated. Then they will be called into active service in the engineer branch or else discharged to take their chances under the selective service law.

Current enlistments in the Regular Army, including those up to December 15, will be credited to quotas of districts in the next draft, Adjutant General McCord said, just the same as the first draft.

LIMIT COAL TO EVERY HOME

Fuel Administrator Announces Drastic Fuel Order.

The most drastic order issued by the Missouri Fuel Administration since its creation has been announced by Wallace Crossley, fuel administrator. The order will be effective December 22.

It will prohibit delivery of more than one ordinary wagon load of coal during any period of twenty-one consecutive days to residences and apartments. It will require every person ordering coal to fill out a printed blank giving detailed information concerning the fuel situation in the purchaser's home or building. Under the order every purchaser must give at least one week's notice before coal will be delivered.

GYMNASIUM CLASSES COMPETE

Contests in Marching Tactics, Floor Work, Folk Dancing Held.

The four classes in gymnasium at Stephens College drilled competitively last night at the college. Miss Fanny Bickley, instructor in physical education, supervised the exhibition which consisted of marching tactics, floor work, folk dancing and relay games. The judges were Misses Naana Forbes, Agnes Husband and Eva West, all teachers at the college. All the students took part.

The college closes tomorrow for the Christmas holidays, which will last until January 8.

Won't Show Manual Arts Movie.

The showing of the "Tale of the Tub," a five-reel educational picture by the manual arts department of the University, has been indefinitely postponed. This was the announcement made by that department yesterday after word was received from St. Louis that the people who were to come from there and show it could not arrange to be here this afternoon. It was originally planned to show the reel at night, but this was made impossible because of the lack of heat and light in the Engineering Building.

Fails to Pay Dog Tax—Fined.

Evelan Holmes, a negro, was fined \$1 and costs in police court today for failure to pay license on her dog. This is the first arrest that has been made for dog tax delinquency but B. W. Jacobs, city collector, says that tomorrow warrants will be issued for those who have failed to pay the license. The minimum penalty is \$1 and costs.

10 KILLED, 75 HURT
IN LATEST AIR RAID

One Airplane Brought Down
When Germans Bombed
England Last Night.

6 GROUPS IN FLEET

Only 5 of 20 Machines Able
to Reach London—One
Lost in Channel.

By Associated Press
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London 5 persons were injured. One of the German airplanes which took part in last night's raid over England was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed, the war office announced.

From 16 to 20 raiders, divided into 6 groups, endeavored to reach London, but only 5 succeeded in dropping bombs on the city. There is reason to believe another raider fell into the English Channel.

A British pilot fired two rounds of ammunition into a raider as it was dropping bombs on London from a height of 13,000 feet. After the main attack of the raiders a single airplane flew over London at about 9 o'clock.

F. P. MILLER RECEIVES CHECKS

Local Organization Handles Red Cross Seals This Year.

Considerable confusion seems to have resulted from the fact that F. P. Miller, treasurer of the Columbia Charity Organization Society, is receiving the checks in payment for the Red Cross Christmas seals instead of Dr. Walter McNab Miller, who was in charge of the work in former years.

Doctor Miller is treasurer of the state organization for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis, but the sale of Christmas stamps is being handled this year by the Columbia Charity Organization Society and checks should be made out to its treasurer.

Checks stamped with F. P. Miller's initials come to him with them scratched out and Dr. Walter McNab Miller's substituted. F. P. Miller has received checks for Red Cross memberships, which should have been made payable to E. Sydney Stephens.

Red Cross Christmas seals have been sold by the members of sororities each day this week. The Delta Delta Delta sorority sold 718 stamps at the Postoffice Monday, and the Pi Beta Phi sorority more than a hundred in Academic Hall. The Chi Omega sorority sold \$12.50 worth yesterday at the Postoffice. The Alpha Delta Pi sorority worked in Academic Hall yesterday, but no report has been turned in by them yet.

The Alpha Phi and Delta Gamma sororities were in charge of the sales today, the Kappa Alpha Theta and Phi Mu sororities will be in charge tomorrow. The Tuesday Club will work Friday morning and the U. D. C. that afternoon. The P. E. O. will sell seals all day Saturday.

TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR HERE

Daniel Boone Tavern Management Will Have Watch Party Dec. 31.

A real New Year's Eve celebration, noise makers, dancing and a midnight watch party will be held for Columbia this year at the Daniel Boone Tavern. If plans of the management are carried out. The fact that celebrations, always held with wines and liquors in most of the big cities in the past, will be lacking in this respect this year makes it possible for Columbia to have just the same sort of celebration that will be held in the other places.

F. W. Leonard, manager of the Daniel Boone Tavern, said this morning that the celebration at the tavern would consist of a dance the first part of the evening and later a watch party and lunch in the Mulberry dining room. Here horns, rattles and other noise makers will be distributed and the lobby of the tavern will be turned over to the midnight welcome of 1918. Other dances announced for all Columbia townspeople for the Christmas season are one on Friday night of this week and another on Christmas night.

Agriculture Loses One-Third to War.

Reports from the office of the dean show that at the beginning of the school year of 1917-18 there were enrolled in the College of Agriculture 291 students. They were classified in the following order: 94 freshmen, 64 sophomores, 57 juniors, 61 seniors and 15 special students. This number was 66 per cent of the total number enrolled in the school year of 1916-17.

Food Survey to Be Made in St. Louis.

By Associated Press
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—A food survey of this city is to be made by members of the St. Louis committee of the Federal Food Administration. The survey is to be made by forty women working in classified districts. This action will be taken to determine the quantity of staples on hand and the average prices that are charged.

TEUTONS SEEK WAY
TO VENETIAN PLAINS

Enemy Hunts Weak Point in
Line—Russia to Ask Plans
at Conference.

U. S. BOAT IS SUNK

9 Men Lost When Submarine
Is Rammed—10 Go Down
on French Cruiser.

By Associated Press
On the Italian northern front the Austro-Germans persist in strong efforts to find a weak point and through it to rush south to the Venetian plains.

Russian representatives have been ordered by Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, to ask of the Central Powers at the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk, whether they will agree to make peace without annexations and indemnity and "on the principle of self-determination of nations." Trotsky is reported to have invited Allied participation on the threat that treaties will be broken and a separate peace arranged.

The old French cruiser, Chateau Henaunt, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea last Friday and the submarine which attacked here also was destroyed. The cruiser was being used, as a transport and carried military passengers, all of whom were rescued. Ten men of the crew were lost.

Nine lives were lost when the American submarine F-1 was rammed and sunk by the submarine F-3 in home waters during a fog Monday.

A WAR CONFERENCE HERE

National and State Councils to Meet Together Farmers' Week.

The Missouri Council of Defense has completed arrangements with the National Council and the National Bureau of Information for holding a War Conference at the University during Farmers' Week. This conference will begin Wednesday night and will include a series of addresses by William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, Lieutenant Perigord, a veteran French officer who has won special honors on the Western front, and a third speaker just back from the war area, whose name has not yet been announced.

The second day of the War Conference, according to present plans, will be of interest to members of the Missouri Council of Defense and official delegates who will be invited to the conference. There will be no important addresses, but plans will be worked out for more fully organizing the state with a view to giving all the people everywhere a wider acquaintance with every phase of the war as it affects America and the Americans.

TO KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAN

City to Pay for Removal of Snow in Front of Empty Houses.

The City Council at its meeting last night authorized the Mayor to have snow and ice on sidewalks in front of empty houses removed at the city's expense. The law will also be enforced in the case of residents who fail to remove snow and ice from their walks within a reasonable time.

The council transacted only routine business at its meeting. The regular bills were allowed. T. J. Rodhouse, engineer in charge of the construction of the new reservoir at the water and light plant, reported that the reservoir will be ready for use in a few days.

MRS. CALTHE P. ELLEY DIES

Was 86 Years Old and Had Been Sick for Three Months.

Mrs. Calthie Pemberton Elley died yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Taylor Smith, near Stephens. Mrs. Elley, who was 86 years old, had been confined to her bed for three months.

Mrs. Elley was born in Boone County and lived most of her life on a farm seven miles east of Columbia, known as the Pemberton farm. She has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Smith, for the last eighteen years. Another daughter, Mrs. James Hafden, 1604 Cauthorn street, and a son, L. H. Elley of Shaw, survive her.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock this morning at the home of Mrs. Smith. Burial was in the Columbia Cemetery.

Sends Fruit to Orphans' Home.

Members of the Rebekah Lodge are filling a barrel with canned fruit for an orphans' home in St. Louis. They are also sending clothing. The lodge contributes food or clothing to this home each Christmas.

Paul Crouch Into Aviation Corps.

Paul Crouch, son of E. W. Crouch, 507 South Fifth street, has been accepted in the aviation corps. He is now on the way to Austin, Tex., where he will begin training.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Mostly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature; lowest tonight above freezing.

For Missouri: Mostly cloudy and unsettled weather tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature tonight will be a few degrees above freezing in all directions.

Weather Conditions.
In the southern states and in New Mexico and Arizona the weather is still unusually cold, but in the remainder of the United States and southern Canada conditions are about normal for the season.

The temperature is above the freezing point in the principal winter wheat belt, and in the stock range. Skies have continued cloudy, and snows have melted gradually giving water to the crops.

In Columbia the present season will likely continue for the next two or three days.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 41 and the lowest last night was 31; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 96 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 29 and the lowest 13 precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today 7:24 a. m. Sun sets, 4:40 p. m.

Moon sets 11:52 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

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